

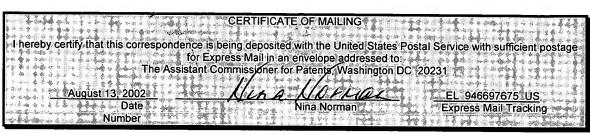
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METHOD FOR ALTERING STORAGE ORGAN COMPOSITION For:



RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.20231

In re Application of: Higgins et al.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the present Amendment. This Amendment is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal, a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary fees.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Three Times Amended) A method of modifying the content or composition, or content and composition, of a metabolite in the storage organ of a plant, said metabolite selected from the group consisting of oil (fatty acid), starch, soluble